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VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT CASES IN PARA MILITARY FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for a large number of Central para-military forces personnel seeking voluntary retirement in the recent past; and

(b) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Voluntary retirements by Central Para-military Forces (CPMFs) personnel have been attributed mainly to the reasons like - posting in remote areas and stressful working conditions; prolonged period of separation from family; personal and domestic compulsions; perceived inadequate compensation; and availability of alternative employment opportunities nearer home.

(b): Some of the steps taken to reduce stress level among CPMF personnel and to enable them to attend to personal problems and increase their satisfaction level are - focus on more family, and separated family accommodation; basic amenities/facilities for the troops and their families; efforts to provide telephone facilities to troops on the border; transparent leave policy; regular interaction, both formal and informal, between commanders/officers and troops; Yoga classes for better stress management; recreational and sports facilities; revamping of grievances redressal machinery; introduction of Composite Hospitals with specialized facilities; Centre Police Canteen facilities for all the serving and Ex CPMF personnel and constitution of Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB) to look into the welfare and rehabilitation requirements of 'Next of Kins' ex CPMF personnel.